

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8 as follows:

Sub 1
1. (Amended) A feed belt [containing] comprising:
an elastic material; and
high hardness particles [in an] dispersed throughout the elastic material,
characterized in that [said] the high hardness particles [can] project from a feed surface
[by] , where the projecting amount increases with the elasticity of [said] the elastic material when
a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount [is varied] varies according to the pressure
applied to the belt, which pressure varies with the shape or hardness of [said] the member to be
fed.

Sub 2
2. (Amended) A feed belt [in which] comprising:
10 to 70 percent by weight [%] of high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3
to 300 μm [are contained in]; and
an elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90 and
containing the high hardness particles.

Sub 3
3. (Amended) A [The] feed belt according to claim 2, [wherein] further comprising a
filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt.

4. (Amended) A [The] feed belt according to claim 2, [wherein] further comprising a
filament which is disposed on the driving surface side.

5. (Amended) A feed belt comprising :
a base material layer formed of [an] a first elastic material [, and] ;
a high hardness particle containing layer [containing] comprising:
a second elastic material; and

~~high hardness particles dispersed throughout [in] the second elastic material, characterized in that [said] the high hardness particles [can] project from a feed surface [by] , where the projecting amount increases with the elasticity of [said] at least the second elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount [is varied] varies according to the pressure applied to the belt, which pressure varies with the shape or hardness of [said] the member to be fed.~~

6. (Amended) A feed belt comprising :
a base material layer formed of [an] a first elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90[, and];
a high hardness particle containing layer [containing] comprising:
10 to 70 percent by weight [%] of high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm [in the]; and
a second elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90 and containing said high hardness particles .

350037 (Amended) A [The] feed belt according to claim 6, [wherein] further comprising a filament which is disposed in a central portion of the belt, [said] the base material layer being formed on the driving surface side, [said] and the high hardness particle containing layer being formed on the feed surface side.

8. (Amended) ~~A [The] feed belt according to claim 6 [5, wherein] further comprising a filament which is disposed on [the] a driving surface side of said belt.~~

Please add the following new claim:

350047-9. A feed belt according to claim 6, wherein the hardness of the second elastic material is less than the hardness of the first elastic material.--